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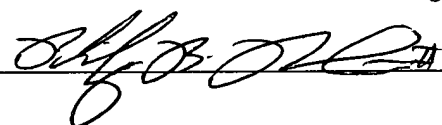
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Response under 37 CFR 1.111

The Official letter mailed December 30, 2002 has been received, with a shortened statutory period set to expire three (3) months from mailing (March 30, 2003), and in response thereto the following Response is respectfully submitted. A request for an extension of one (1) month, up to and including April 30, 2003 is made with this response. A request for continued examination (RCE) is filed with this response. Any fees due for the filing of this response are authorized to be charged to deposit account 19-1065.

Remarks

I. Application Status

Claims 1-31 are pending in the instant application. The sole remaining rejection of claims 1-31 is obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).